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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the growing number of casualties, will Government to some extent extend such action as they have taken in the City of Madras to the mufassal where there is heavy motor traffic? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" It will be considered subject to financial considerations."

Educational concessions to the children and dependants of the Defence Service personnel.

* 45 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the children and dependants of Defence Service personnel were entitled to educational concessions and if so, what they were;

(*b*) the approximate cost to the Government on account of these educational concessions;

(*c*) whether there has been any change of policy in regard to this and if so, what the change is;

(*d*) whether the whole or a portion of the cost involved was borne by the Government of India; and

(*e*) whether the approval of the Government of India was obtained before making the changes?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Yes. They are :

' (1) Exemption from tuition and other special items of fees such as fees for medical inspection, use of library, laboratory, etc., in all grades of educational institutions, elementary, secondary and collegiate (arts and professional).

' (2) An allowance for each pupil or student for the purchase of books, etc., on the following scales :—

	Rupees per annum.
Elementary schools.	
Lower elementary standards (Standards I to V).	5
Higher elementary standards (Standards VI to VIII).	10
Secondary schools.	
Primary departments	5
Middle school forms (Forms I to III)	10
High school forms („ IV to VI)	20
Arts colleges.	
Intermediate course	40
Degree course	50
Professional colleges and schools	Actual cost of books purchased.

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'(3) Exemption from the payment of examination fee for S.S.L.C. Public Examination and other Public Examinations conducted under the authority of the Government provided that the student concerned held the fee concession mentioned in (1) above.'

"(*b*) The approximate cost to the Government is about ten lakhs.

"(*c*) Yes. The Government have decided to discontinue the grant of further educational concessions to the children and dependants of Defence Service Personnel.

"(*d*) The entire expenditure is met by the Provincial Government.

"(*e*) The discontinuance was sanctioned at the suggestion of the Government of India."

Assignment of lands under the Siddhapuram tank to political prisoners.

* 46 *Q.*—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any action has been taken on the report of the Collector of Kurnool for assigning the lands under the Siddhapuram tank to political sufferers;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that more than 2,000 acres of land under the tank are still lying waste;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to take urgent steps to utilize the land and water there for growing some foodstuffs to ease the present food shortage;

(*d*) whether anybody had offered an undertaking to cultivate the lands on a temporary basis; and

(*e*) what steps the Government are going to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"(*a*) Yes; the matter has been engaging the attention of the Government in consultation with the authorities concerned.

"(*b*) Yes (the land was not brought under plough till now as it was earmarked for the use of the Siddhapuram settlement).

"(*c*) The question of leaving apart 1,000 acres of arable land in the settlement for the use of the settlers and of assigning the surplus land over and above these 1,000 acres available in the settlement, to outsiders on a permanent basis is under the consideration of the Government.

"(*d*) The President, Kisan Congress Committee, Atmakur Sub-taluk, Kurnool district and two others, viz., Sri A. Rami Reddi and Sri K. Chenchu Reddi have represented that they are ready to cultivate the lands in the settlement with the help of the local ryots, if permitted.

"(*e*) The Government expect to issue suitable orders soon."